

1078

Year **1078** (**MLXXVIII**) was a common year starting on Monday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

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Events

By place

Byzantine Empire

- Spring – Nikephoros Botaneiates, a Byzantine general (*strategos*) of the Theme of the Anatolics, revolts against Emperor Michael VII (**Doukas**). With the support of the Seljuk Turks who provide him with troops, Nikephoros marches upon Nicaea (modern Turkey). He defeats the imperial army and proclaims himself emperor.
- March 24 – Nikephoros Botaneiates enters Constantinople in triumph and is crowned by Patriarch Cosmas I as emperor Nikephoros III of the Byzantine Empire. Michael VII resigns his throne after a 7-year reign and retires into the Monastery of Stoudios.^[1]
- Battle of Kalavrye: The imperial forces of General Alexios Komnenos are victorious over the rebellious army (12,000 men) under Nikephoros Bryennios (**the Elder**), governor (*doux*) of the Theme of Dyrrhachium. Bryennios is captured and later blinded.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	10th century · 11th century · 12th century
Decades:	1050s · 1060s · 1070s · 1080s · 1090s
Years:	1075 · 1076 · 1077 · 1078 · 1079 · 1080 · 1081

1078 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1078 <i>MLXXVIII</i>
Ab urbe condita	1831
Armenian calendar	527 ԹՎ ՇԻԷ
Assyrian calendar	5828
Balinese saka calendar	999–1000
Bengali calendar	485
Berber calendar	2028
English Regnal year	12 Will. 1 – 13 Will. 1
Buddhist calendar	1622
Burmese calendar	440
Byzantine calendar	6586–6587
Chinese calendar	丁巳年 (Fire Snake) 3774 or 3714 — to — 戊午年 (Earth Horse) 3775 or 3715
Coptic calendar	794–795

- Philaretos Brachamios abandons his claim to the Byzantine throne, on being appointed governor of Antioch, a foundation of the later Armenian Kingdom of Cilicia.

Europe

- August 7 – Battle of Mellrichstadt: Emperor Henry IV defeats the German anti-king Rudolf of Rheinfelden, duke of Swabia, near Mellrichstadt (modern Germany).
- October 3 – Grand Prince Iziaslav I dies and is succeeded by Vsevolod I who unites the principalities – Kiev, Chernigov and Pereyasavl – in Kievan Rus'.^[2]

England

- The White Tower of the Tower of London is begun, under the direction of Gundulf (or **Gundulph**), bishop of Rochester (approximate date).

Africa

- The Almoravid emir, Yusuf ibn Tashfin, besieges Ceuta. Since the city can receive help from the sea, the siege will last until 1083.

China

- By this year, the iron industry in the Song Dynasty is producing a total weight of 127,000,000 kg (125,000 t) of iron product per year.

By topic

Religion

- July 11 – The Romanesque tympanum of Santiago de Compostela Cathedral in Galicia (modern Spain) is constructed.
- Anselm is elected abbot of Bec Abbey, in Normandy.^[3]

Births

- March 17 – Abdul Qadir Gilani, Persian preacher (d. 1166)
- Alexander I (**the Fierce**), king of Scotland (d. 1124)
- Al-Mustazhir, Abbasid caliph in Baghdad (d. 1118)
- Constance of France, princess of Antioch (d. 1125)
- Ermengol V, count of Urgell (Catalonia) (d. 1102)
- Fujiwara no Tadazane, Japanese nobleman (d. 1162)

Discordian calendar	2244
Ethiopian calendar	1070–1071
Hebrew calendar	4838–4839
Hindu calendars	
- <i>Vikram Samvat</i>	1134–1135
- <i>Shaka Samvat</i>	999–1000
- <i>Kali Yuga</i>	4178–4179
Holocene calendar	11078
Igbo calendar	78–79
Iranian calendar	456–457
Islamic calendar	470–471
Japanese calendar	Jōryaku 2 (承暦2年)
Javanese calendar	982–983
Julian calendar	1078 <i>MLXXVIII</i>
Korean calendar	3411
Minguo calendar	834 before ROC 民前834年
Nanakshahi calendar	−390
Seleucid era	1389/1390 AG
Thai solar calendar	1620–1621
Tibetan calendar	阴火蛇年 (female Fire-Snake) 1204 or 823 or 51 — <i>to</i> — 阳土马年 (male Earth-Horse) 1205 or 824 or 52

- Ibn Quzman, Moorish poet and writer (d. 1160)
- Reishi, Japanese empress consort (d. 1144)

Deaths

- February 20 – Herman, bishop of Salisbury
- May 30 – Gleb Svyatoslavich, Kievan prince
- August 9 – Peter I, Italian nobleman
- August 26 – Herluin, founder of Bec Abbey
- October 3
 - Boris Vyacheslavich, prince of Chernigov
 - Iziaslav I, Grand Prince of Kiev (b. 1024)
- November 6 – Berthold II, duke of Carinthia
- November 11 – Udo, archbishop of Trier
- Abd al-Qahir al-Jurjani, Persian scholar
- Andreas (or **Andrew**), archbishop of Bari
- Atsiz ibn Uvaq, Turkish emir of Damascus (or 1079)
- Immilla of Turin, Italian noblewoman
- Mu'ayyad fi'l-Din al-Shirazi, Fatimid scholar (b. 1000)
- Nikephoritzes, Byzantine governor
- Rhys ab Owain, king of Deheubarth
- Richard I (**Drengot**), prince of Capua
- Tunka Manin, ruler of the Ghana Empire (b. 1010)
- Zeng Gongliang, Chinese scholar and writer (b. 998)
- Zhang Xian, Chinese poet and writer (b. 990)



Nikephoros III (middle) (c. 1002–1081)

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